

# Newsletter

**NEW ORLEANS** 

MARCH 2014

# Mar. 10th: 5:30-7 p.m. NOMRC Strategic Planning

**CALENDAR** 

MARK YOUR

Apr. 23rd: Call down drill

May 1st: Medical Special Needs Exercise/Training 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

May 31st: Pre-Hurricane Season Training

CONTACT SARAH
BABCOCK FOR
DETAILS

# ORIENTATION DATES

If you have not gone through orientation, please join us at 400 N. Jefferson Davis Parkway from 9 a.m.-II a.m. any of the following days:

Mar. 15th

Apr. 12th

May 17th



# 35 People Access Warming Shelter February 6th

The City of New Orleans opened a warming shelter to get homeless individuals out of the cold on February 6th. NOMRC members and New Orleans Health Department staff worked together to run a shelter for 12 hours at the Allie Mae Community Center in Central City. 31 men and 4 women accessed the shelter, where they were able to rest on cots and eat.





## Dr. Lurie's Visit on February 7th

Dr. Nicole Lurie, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), met with emergency support services in New Orleans to discuss ways to collaborate to better identify vulnerable populations during times of emergency.



## MRC Re-Evaluates Core Competencies

Last week, representatives from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Division of the Civilian Volunteer MRC met in New Orleans with a combination of regional, state and unit MRC leaders and academicians to discuss what the core competencies for MRC volunteers should be. NOMRC Volunteers Bijal Patel and Jeanne Krieger attended part of the workshop to provide insight on what they need and want as MRC volunteers. Their input sparked a lot of discussion and helped the team define what their next steps are as they define the role of the MRC nationally and what is expected of MRC Volunteers. Thank you, Biial and Jeanne!

# HELP WANTED

**Strategic Planning for NOMRC** 

On Monday, March 10th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.,
Sarah and Frieda invite you to join us for
some pizza and to discuss changes in the
NOMRC Mission, Vision, and Values and set
goals for 2014. We really want your input
so NOMRC can meet your needs and
expectations and can meet the needs of
New Orleans. Please RSVP to Sarah if you
can make it. Hope to see you there!



# 202 Hours

Volunteered by NOMRC members in 2014

New NOMRC Members in 2014

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# **Looking for Some Trainings?**

Check out the trainings below to see if they interest you.

RAND Corporation Building Resilient Communities Training

http://www.rand.org/pubs/tools/ TL109.html

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Disaster Information Specialist Program

http://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/ trainingresources.html

New York Consortium for Emergency Preparedness Continuing Education http://www.nycepce.org/CourseList.htm 41 HOUTS

Volunteered in February



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### Ways to be Involved

We have a lot of ideas for this year and would really like your input as we develop plans. Please let Sarah or Frieda know if you are interested in helping with any of the following:

- Assisting with strategic planning
- Doing weekend outreach events
- Developing an outreach plan
- Learning how to work in the Emergency Operations Center
- Helping the Health Department apply for Project Public Health Ready
- Developing trainings for MRC members